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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: (A) STATE 053150, (B) 77 CAIRO 20015.

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED SADAT FIRM AND, IN ABSENCE FROM CITY OF ESMAT EL SADAT, SPOKE WITH HIS SON ANWAR EL SADAT WHO CLAIMED BE HANDLING DEALINGS WITH WCS. SADAT SAID HE DID NOT RECALL ANY COMMUNICATION WITH WCS IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO FIRM NOT BEING "REGISTERED WITH CAIRO EGYPT EMBASSY." SADAT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SUCH A PHRASE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO MEAN AND THOUGHT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OR ERROR IN TRANSMISSION.

2. EXPLAINING BACKGROUND OF HIS DEALINGS WITH WCS, SADAT SAID HE HAD BEEN TOUCH WITH U.S. COMPANY ABOUT COMPOSTING PLANT PROJECT PLANNED BY CAIRO GOVERNORATE. ACCORDING SADAT, HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT WCS SUBMIT "PRE-QUALIFICATION" INFORMATION TO CAIRO GOVERNORATE "THROUGH THE EMBASSY" IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT. (SADAT CLAIMED OTHER EMBASSIES HAD SUBMITTED SUCH DATA TO GOVERNORATE ON BEHALF OF FIRMS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES.) SADAT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF WCS WISHED, HE HIMSELF WOULD BE PLEASED SUBMIT PREQUALIFYING DATA TO

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GOVERNORATE ON FIRM'S BEHALF. CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS WAS FEBRUARY 28, BUT SADAT SAID GOVERNORATE MIGHT STILL BE WILLING TO CONSIDER OTHER FIRMS.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY HAS REPORTED ON COMPOSTING PLANT PROJECT PER REF. B AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES. NEITHER WCS NOR SADAT FIRM HAS EVER CONTACTED US FOR INFO

MATION OR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT, HOWEVER.
PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT WISHES US TAKE ANY FURTHER
ACTION ON THIS MATTER. EILTS

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